

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT**

Department for Women, Children, Disabled and Senior Citizens-  
Formation of "Telangana State Society for Protection and  
Empowerment of Children"- Orders- Issued.

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DEPARTMENT FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DISABLED AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS (SCHEMES)

G.O.MS.No. 17

Dated:09-07-2015.  
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.22, dt.31.08.2009 Women Development,  
Child Welfare and Disabled Welfare (WP-A2),
2. G.O.Ms.No.31 & 32 dt.09.11.2012 issued by Women,  
Children, Disabled and Senior Citizens (JJ).
3. Revised guidelines of ICPS
4. MOU between GOI and Govt. of Telangana  
dt.29.10.2014
5. Govt. Memo No.1610/Schemes/A2/2014,07.11.2014
6. Society Registration No.801 of 2014, dt.25.11.2014.

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**ORDER:-**

In the reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above, Memorandum of Understanding(MOU) is signed between Government of India and Government of Telangana for the implementation of Integrated Child Protection Scheme on 29.10.2014.

2. In the reference 5<sup>th</sup> read above Government has requested to take initiative for the registration of the Telangana Society for ICPS immediately. Accordingly the "Telangana State Society for Protection and Empowerment of Children" was registered on 25.11.2014 vide reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited.

3. Government after careful consideration of the matter hereby issue orders to institute the "Telangana State Society for Protection and Empowerment of Children" for Protection of children and to promote access of children to quality services and opportunities for building an equitable society through convergence and partnership.

**4. The objectives of the Society are to:-**

- i. contribute for improvement in the well being of children, particularly those in difficult circumstances, as well as, for the reduction of vulnerabilities to situations and actions that lead to discrimination, neglect, abuse, exploitation, abandonment and separation of children.
- ii. synergise the efforts of various Government Departments /Organisations, NGOs, Civil Societies and International Development agencies for effective implementation of the programmes and services meant for them.

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- iii. act as a nodal agency for evolving policies, programmes and strategies for the Protection and Empowerment of Children in the State of Telangana by promoting/strengthening continuum of services for emergency outreach, institutional care, family and community based care, counselling and Medical, legal services with necessary support structures and preventive measures.
- iv. review the existing programmes and services at various levels, evolve suitable strategies to bridge the implementation gaps and extend support for effective implementation.
- v. consolidate and replicate/upscale the achievements and best practices of these respective departments and organisations.
- vi. be a centre for capacity building, collection, collation and dissemination of information on all aspects of Protection and Empowerment of children and act as a forum of advocacy for the formulation and implementation of child protection policies, plans and programs.
- vii. commission third party assessments/evaluations, studies/research, strategic/position papers on their concerns.
- viii. be the umbrella organisation to coordinate with various departments, NGOs, research & training organisations, universities/educational institutions, media and advocacy groups, professional associations, corporate sector, other civil organisations, public representations, youth groups etc as partners in protection and empowerment of children.
- ix. to create database and knowledge base from child protection services, including MIS and child tracking system in the country for effective implementation and monitoring of child protection services.
- x. to raise public awareness, educate public on child rights and protection on situation and vulnerabilities of children and families, on available child protection services, schemes and structures at all levels.
- xi. maintain professional, transparent and ethical management culture in all its activities/bodies etc.

## **5. The Society shall comprise of**

### **I. State Level**

#### **(i) State Steering Committee:-**

The Steering Committee shall be headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister as Chairperson, Minister of WCD & SC as Vice Chairperson and ministers for Finance, Planning, Home, Labour & Employment, Medical and Health, Education, Panchayat Raj & IT as members. Eminent Civil Society Member to be nominated by Hon'ble Chief Minister in consultation

with Minister (Women, Children, Disabled and Senior Citizens) as members of the State Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee would monitor and provide:-

Guidance, advice and support to the society to evolve policies, strategies and schemes for protection and empowerment of children. Apart from reviewing the progress, the steering committee, would provide strength and support to all concerned departments and other to enhance the functioning of the society.

**(ii) Executive Board:-**

The Executive Board would be headed by the Principal Secretary, Deptt., for WCD & SC would be the Chairperson and Convenor with Secretaries Health; Panchyat Raj; Education; Director General of Police or equivalent; Director, WD&CW or as notified by the Government as Convenor & Chief Executive Officer, Director, Juvenile Welfare & Correctional Services as Additional Chief Executive Officer; Commissioner, School Education; State Project Director, Sarva Siksha Abhyas; Commissioner Family Welfare; Commissioner Labour; Director, 2 Representative from NGOs representing Child issues and Anti trafficking; 1 Representative each from UN and other International agencies; 2 Representative from social workers.

**(iii) General Body:-**

The General Body shall comprise of Principal Secretary WCD & SC as Chairperson & Convenor, Principal Secretary Health as the Vice- Chairperson; Director General of Police; Director WD&CW, Secretaries of Finance, Planning department; Home; Labour & Employment; Health Department; Education Department, Sarva Siksha Abhyas; Rural Water Supply and Sanitation; Panchyat Raj; Representative of GOI, Secretary Ministry of WD & CW Deptt; Social Welfare; Tribal welfare; Minorities Welfare; B.C.Welfare; Managing Director, TS Women Co operative Finance Corporation. Commissioner Labour; Project Director, State AIDS Control Society, Director Juvenile Welfare, Commissioner Disabled & Senior Citizens Welfare; Director Health services; Commissioner, school Education; State Project Director, Rajiv Vidya Mission (Sarva Siksha Abhiyan) Member Secretary Telangana State Legal Services Authority, Regional Co-Ordinator Child line The General Body shall have 2 District Collectors in rotation one from each zone representing the 2 zones i.e. Hyderabad and Warangal. 2 representative

from NGOs representing child issues, anti trafficking and disabled Welfare; 3 representatives from UNICEF, SAVE the Children etc., 3 eminent Social workers working for children.

## **II. District Level**

### **(i) District Steering Committee:-**

Each District shall have a district level steering committee (DLSC) which will be headed by the Minister in –charge as Chairman while the Chairman of Zilla Parishad will be the Vice-Chairman, Member of Parliament (MP) and the Chairperson of the Urban Local Bodies as the Members. The District Collector shall be the convenor and local MLAs, MLCs, 2 Women ZPTC members and 2 Women MPPs nominated by the in-charge Minister as members.

### **(ii) District Society:-**

District Society shall be constituted for every district with the following members or as may be notified by the Government/State Apex Society from time to time:-

Collector of the district as Chairperson shall also play role of the District Child Protection Committee. District Superintendent of Police as Vice Chairperson; Project Director, WD&CW as convenor or as may be nominated by the District Collector or a person otherwise notified by the State Government; Project Director DRDA; Project Officer ITDA; (wherever applicable) District Medical & Health Officer; District Educational Officer; Head/EDs of SC, ST, BC, Minority Corporations; Asst. Commissioner Labour; Asst. Director, Disabled Welfare; Secretary, District Legal Services Authority; District Child Line Co-Ordinator; Representative of Child Welfare Committees, 3 representatives of NGOs/Social Workers based on criteria/procedure as approved by State Apex Society; Representatives of International Agencies working for the issues of children present in District and District Probation Officer as Members.

And as prescribed in the ICPS Guidelines of GOI, the structure at the village level to ensure child protection will be the Village Level Child Protection committee (VCPCs) involving the community and the representative of respective department that are stakeholders for protecting children from abuse and exploitation.

Therefore, it is the responsibility of the District Society and DCPU to ensure that in all villages and slum Level/ward level CPCs in urban areas are established in each district.

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6. The tenure of all Co-Opted, non official members in bodies at State and District levels shall be for a period of three years from the date of their assuming of the office.

7. Any Officer/ field staff of departments or NGOs /CSOs can refer issues relating to Co- Ordination / convergence in addressing child concerns, to either the District Society concerned or State Society as may be required. Such issues requiring appropriate decisions shall be included in the agenda at District Level and State Level as case may be, while inviting that particular official /individual /NGO to the District Society meeting or special executive board meeting at State Level. Such issues shall be referred to the concerned Project Director WD&CW convenor in case of District society meeting and to SPSU / PM & E Cell at Secretariat, Deptt., for WCD & SC on issue to be raised at State Society.

8. Day to day management of the Society shall be with the Director, of Women Development and Child Welfare, Government of Telangana, or as otherwise notified by the State Govt., who shall be the ex-officio CEO of the Society. The CEO shall be supported by the Executive Director and the staff to be appointed.

9. The State Society shall be supported by the Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Cell (PM & E Cell) which shall also be State Project Support Unit(SPSU).The unit shall be located in the Secretariat and shall:-

- (i) Co-Ordinate / liaise between the Central Project Support Unit (CPSU) Ministry of Women Development & Child Welfare, GOI and State Project Unit (SPSU) headed by the Secretary Deptt., for WCD & SC Government of Telangana on the implementation of the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS).
- (ii) Co- Ordinate and liaise with Spl. Executive Boards / Committees / Sub- Committees of experts / NGO etc., as may be constituted, by the Executive Board on issues relating to Planning, Programme implementation, monitoring & evaluation etc.
- (iii) It will provide the required programme quality support as may be needed.

10. The Society shall implement the ICPS of GOI and prescribed standards of protocol for children homes/ Institutions, Juvenile, Specialized Adoption Agencies (SAA) criteria and procedures for selection of Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), Child Welfare Committees (CWC), for co-opting NGOs/ Experts to the State /District Level Societies as Co-Management partners in institutions for children in the State; prescribed Standards, procedures, practices for ensuring transparent and proper functioning of the society institution and finalization of adoption rules as per Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) guidelines etc. The Society discharge the duties of a State Child Protection Society (SCPS) as envisaged by GOI in the ICPS revised guidelines so communicated. And also ensure that all the structures that are stipulated by GOI / Ministry of Women Development and Child Welfare under the ICPS such as establishment

/setting -up of State Project Support Unit (SPSU), State Child Protection Unit (SCPU), State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) at the State level and also the District Child Protection Units (DCPUs) (as per section 62 A of the Juvenile Justice Act-2000/2006) and Specialized adoption agencies (SAAs) at the District Level.

11. The Registered Society shall operate a Savings Bank account into which the Government of India funds disbursed under Integrated Child Protection Scheme shall be credited, along with such other funds pertaining to children as identified by the Deptt., for WCD & SC, CEO and Director Women Development and Child Welfare Department shall operate this account singly or jointly as approved by the Executive Board. The funds shall be utilized only for purposes for which they are sanctioned. The society shall maintain high-quality financial approval, utilization & reporting standards ensuring transparency and accountability.

12. The CEO shall take up matter with Income Tax Department to accord IT normally takes 6 months to 1 year, voluntary contributions if any for children alone, shall be credited to the account available with Director, Juvenile Welfare where a statutory IT exemption is already available as per Chapter X, Sec. 52 of Andhra Pradesh Juvenile Justice Rules 2003, pending receipt of IT exemption orders for society account.

13. As per the Memorandum of Understanding with Government of India, Secretary Deptt., for WCD & SC, for Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) and thereafter take further steps to hiring of the staff on contractual basis at State level by the Commissioner or Director/CEO, under District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) the District Magistrate take necessary steps to hire the staff of District Child Protection Unit at District level, on contractual basis and strictly adhering the Government of India (GOI) revised guidelines of Integrated Child Protection Scheme. A transparent procedure based in pre-defined criteria etc., shall be followed for filling up the positions on contract/outsourcing.

14. The Telangana State Society for Protection and Empowerment of Children shall function as per the Bye-laws and Memorandum of Association (as may be amended from time to time).

15. The amount provided in the following heads shall be credited to the account of the Society.

2235-Social Security and Welfare  
02- Social Welfare  
M.H (102) - Children Welfare  
G.H – (12)-Centrally Assisted State Plan Scheme  
S.H-(06)- Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)

2235-Social Security and Welfare  
02- Social Welfare  
M.H (789) – Special Component for Scheduled Caste  
G.H – (12)-Centrally Assisted State Plan Scheme  
S.H-(06)- Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)

2235-Social Security and Welfare  
02- Social Welfare  
M.H (796) – Tribal Area for Sub-plan  
G.H – (12)-Centrally Assisted State Plan Scheme  
S.H-(06)- Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)

16. This order issues with the concurrence Finance department under their U.O.No.7595/176/A2/EBS-III/2015,dated:24/06/2015.

17. This GO can be accessed from the website of <http://goir.telangana.gov.in>

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

M. DANA KISHORE,  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC).

To

1. The Principal Secretary to Government, Health Department, Telangana State. Secretariat.
2. The Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Telangana State. Secretariat.
3. The Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department, Telangana State. Secretariat.
4. The Principal Secretary to Government, Labour & Employment Telangana State Secretariat.
5. The Secretary to Government, Education Department, Telangana State. Secretariat.
6. The Principal Secretary to Government, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Telangana State. Secretariat.
7. The Principal Secretary / Secretary to Government, Scheduled Castes Development, Telangana State. Secretariat.
8. The Principal Secretary to Government, Tribal Welfare, Telangana State. Secretariat.
9. The Principal Secretary to Government, Minorities Welfare, Telangana State. Secretariat.
10. The Principal Secretary to Government, Backward Class Welfare, Telangana State. Secretariat.
11. The DGP, Lakdikapool, Telangana State. Hyderabad.
12. All the District Collectors in Telangana State.
13. The Commissioner, Labor, Telangana State, Hyderabad.
14. The Project Director, State Aids Control Society, Telangana State, Hyderabad.
15. The Director, Juvenile Welfare Department, Telangana State, Hyderabad.
16. The Director, Disabled & Senior Citizens Welfare, Telangana State, Hyderabad.
17. The Director, Health Services, Telangana State, Hyderabad.
18. The Commissioner of School Education, Telangana State, Hyderabad.
19. The State Project Director, Rajiv Vidya Mission (Sarva Siksha Abhayan), Hyderabad.
20. The Member Secretary, Telangana State, State Legal Service Authority, Telangana State, Hyderabad.

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21. The Director, Women Development and Child Welfare Department Telangana State, Hyderabad.

**Copy to:-**

1. The secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Welfare Department, Representative of Govt. of India, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.
2. PS to Principal Secretary to Chief Minister.
3. PS to Chief Secretary to Government.
4. PS to Minister for Finance, Planning, Small Savings, State Lotteries, Consumer Affairs, Legal Meteorology, Civil Supplies, Telangana State. Secretariat.
5. PS to Minister Home, Jails, Fire Service, Sainik Welfare, Labour & Employment, Telangana State Secretariat.
6. PS to Minister for Medical and Health, Telangana State. Secretariat.
7. PS to Minister for Education, Telangana State. Secretariat.
8. PS to Minister for Panchayat Raj and IT Telangana State. Secretariat
9. The Law (A) Deptt.,
10. All other Prl. Secretaries / Secretaries to Govt.  
(For taking necessary action with reference to para 7 as and when required)
11. All other Heads of Department.

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SECTION OFFICER